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GOODYERA REPENS **NORTHERN RATTLESNAKE-PLANTAIN**

Northern Rattlesnake-plantain is a perennial with unbranched stems that are 10-20 cm high, and arise from extensive rhizomes. The mostly basal leaves have a broad petiole that is 5-15 mm long and an elliptic blade that is 15-30 cm long. The leaves are dark green, and the stem is glandular above. Sessile flowers are borne on one side of the upper stem. The white to pale green flowers consist of a hood-like upper petal that is 3-4 mm long, a deeply-pouched lower petal that is ca 2 mm deep, and a sepal on each side. The corolla arises from the top of the oblong ovary. The club-shaped, many-seeded capsule is ca. 1 cm long. Flowering in August.

GOODYERA REPENS is distinguished from *G. OBLONGIFOLIA* in that plants are usually less than 20 cm tall, leaves are less than or equal to 4 cm long and do not have a white midvein, the hood-like upper petal is less than 4 mm long, and the lower lip is deeply pouched.